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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: INVESTIGATION OF US AND JAPANESE
MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY

REF: HALE TO MU LETTER DATED JUNE 2, 1978

1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) PLANS TO TAKE CIVIL INVESTIGATIVE DEMAND DEPOSITIONS OF US INDIVIDUALS BEGINNING JULY 5 IN CONNECTION WITH ITS INVESTIGATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND JAPANESE MACHINE TOOLS INDUSTRIES. IN VIEW OF THIS PRESSING TIMEFRAME REPLY TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN REFERENCED LETTER WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. NO PUBLIC STATEMENT SHOULD BE MADE CONCERNING THIS INVESTIGATION.

2. JUSTICE ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE TRANSLATION OF MITI STATEMENT DELIVERED ON MAY 15.

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3. NOTIFICATION TO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ON MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY INVESTIGATION MENTIONED IN HALE LETTER OF JUNE HAS BEEN INFORMALLY MADE VIA THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS REVIEWING THE PROPOSED FORMAT OF THE DRAFT NOTIFICATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN JUSTICE AND MITI. VANCE

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